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Central Hampshire PSD To Extend Public Water Service

Morgantown, WV – May 22, 2006: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Water and Waste Disposal Grant of \$440,000 for Central Hampshire Public Service District, Hampshire County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to extend public water service to approximately 220 new customers within the Dunkark Church Road, Route 29, Shanholtz Road, Hoy Road, Allen Hill Road, Jersey Mountain Road, and Route 28 areas of Hampshire County.

This is a subsequent grant to cover a construction cost over-run which completes a total Rural Development funding package of \$4,050,000.

"This project will extend public water service to approximately 220 new customers, exemplifying Rural Development's mission to improve the quality of life for all rural Americans," remarked Steptoe.

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